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MADMAN MOAMMAR NOW A DRUGGIE DRAG QUEEN

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THE mental state of Libyan Col. Moammar Khadafy is now so unbalanced that he dresses in drag, babbles incoherently and plunges into the world of mind-altering drugs, top intelligence sources confirmed last night.

The unraveling of the Bedouin bomber means good news for Americans abroad — a massive Libyan terrorist offensive planned against U.S. targets has been called off.

Khadafy's deterioration is shown in his behavior during a meeting with visiting African diplomats, whom he greeted while dressed in women's clothes — including makeup and

gilded high heels.

That was before the punishing April 15 U.S. air raid on Tripoli and Benghazi.

Intelligence experts say he's gotten so much worse since then that he's now morose and puffy-eyed, slurs his words and pops both anti-depressant and hallucinogenic drugs.

A top-secret CIA profile on Khadafy before the American bombing run labeled him as a "megalomaniac" who has enormous trouble living with his own failures.

The view from the folks at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., today is that he's also a seriously ill manic-depressive, and there are persistent rumors he's been treated at a Swiss sanitarium for the malady.

During a phone conversation with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd immediately after the bombing, he was "totally incoherent," sources said.

Officials speculate that the 19 coup attempts Khadafy has survived since seizing power in 1969 have finally taken their toll.

In any event, the news of his mental incapacities is not un-



Dressed in drag, Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy might look like this.

welcome in Washington.

Before the U.S. Navy and Air Force launched their assault in April, Western intelligence intercepted several messages from Khadafy's terror operatives ordering strikes against American targets in Europe.

But no more coded messages were intercepted after the American attack and the terror blitz never materialized.

It is far too early to

say that Khadafy has ordered a halt to his deadly activities, cautioned intelligence officials.

But the onslaught of terrorism that officials believe he was planning — including a major offensive in the Sudan — either have been postponed or canceled.

One intelligence theory has it that Khadafy may already have been abandoned by some of his terror operatives, like the dreaded Abu Nidal.